

PIANO DROVE JOHN AWAY

Takes Deal to Upset Chinaman's Nerves, but Piano Will Do the Job.

The fascinations of an untrammelled life in New York has lured other Chinese servants away from western families who had migrated with their retinue to New York, but John of the banker's family had remained faithful through two years of metropolitan temptations. At last he gave notice and refused to tell why. Finally the manager of an employment agency offered a solution of John's defection.

"It is because your little girl has got big enough to practice on the piano," he said. "John can't stand that. A Chinaman hates a piano. It takes a good deal to upset Chinese nerves, but a piano is capable of completing the job most effectually. Heretofore there has been but little piano playing in your house; now that there is a prospect of several hours of practice every day John clears out. We have that trouble with all Chinese servants. There are many western families in New York who would like Chinese help, but as soon as an otherwise willing servant learns that there is a piano in the house he declines the job."—New York Sun.

HOW BUTLER GAVE MESSAGE

his back. After a Said and What Ser-
vants seemed to Report Quite
Different.

This is a story long well known in Fleet street:

"The late V. S. Gilbert was absolutely fearless; he could cross the Strand or push a head with any man. He once collared a burglar in his own house and trussed him splendidly for subsequent police-
man. Next day, reporter from Fleet street called to interview him. The butler came to the door and carried the journalist's message in to Mr. William, who led out across the hall:

"Well then, man to go to—"

"The butler came back with a graye, unconscious that Sir William's outburst had been overheard, and said:

"Sir William is extremely sorry, but he wishes me to state that extra pressure of work precludes him from the pleasure of seeing you this morning."

SUCCESSFUL WOMAN FARMER.

Mrs. Hester B. Pinkham has a farm of 55 acres near Farmington, N. H., and is said to make more money on it than many men on the same number of acres. At the age of six she was getting up at five in the morning to milk the cows and when old enough she learned the shoemaking trade. Then she married and her husband's health failing, they rented a 20-acre farm, and she helped by keeping boarders. In six years she made \$7,000, selling home-made bread, fruit, vegetables and other things. She is now forty-five years old, and her husband being dead, she does all the work, and is a splendid business woman. Her rule is to buy when other people have to sell.

NO SALE.

"Gentlemen," ran the letter just received by the firm, "we have decided not to keep the piano your agent left at the house for trial the other day. We find we are needing other things a great deal worse. Yours truly.

"P. S. Last night a tornado blew our house down and scattered the furniture all over the neighborhood—all except that piano. It is in pretty bad shape, but there is enough of it left, we think, to be worth taking away.

"N. B. We had tornado insurance on everything else."

STRICTLY A SOLO.

Senator Heyburn of Idaho was interrupted in debate by Senator Jones of Washington, who asked some questions which irritated the statesman from Idaho, and he hotly said: "The senator from Washington is informed that this is a solo part, and I do not wish to have a debate duet with him."

A TIP WORTH WHILE.

"What would you do if I should kiss you?"

"I'd scream for help. And, oh, horrors! Mother's gone to the mat-"

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If the single man plant himself indomitably on his instincts, and here abide, the huge world will come round to him. Patience—patience; with the shades of all the good and great for company; and for solace the perspective of your own infinite life; and for work the study and communication of principles, the making of those instincts prevalent, the conversion of the world. Is it not the chief disgrace of the world not to be a unit—not to be reckoned with one character—not to yield that peculiar fruit which each man was created to bear, but to be reckoned in the gross, in the hundred, or the thousand, of the party, the section to which we belong; and our opinion predicted geographically, as the north or the south?

Not so, brothers and friends—please God, ours shall not be so; we will walk on our own feet; we will work with our own hands; we will speak our own minds. The study of letters shall no longer be a name for pity, for doubt, and for sensual indulgence. The dread of man and the love of man shall be a wall of defense and a wreath of joy around all. A nation of men will for the first time exist, because each believes himself inspired by the divine soul, which also inspires all men.—From Ralph Waldo Emerson's address on "The American Scholar" before the Harvard Phi Beta Kappa in 1837.

IN THE MUSEUM



The Ossified Man—The Bearded Woman borrowed a dollar two weeks ago and never repaid it. She's a barefaced fraud.

The Human Skeleton—She touched you for a dollar, eh? Well, you're not half as hard as you look.

PRESS AGENTS TOO ACTIVE.

Sometimes, one suspects, the advertiser outruns himself. A couple of months ago one found a statement largely copied in newspapers that it was practically impossible to book a passage on any of the Atlantic liners from America up to the second week in June, the rush was so tremendous from the states to London. And now one finds the pathetic confession of an eminent Liverpool agent that, so far this season promises not to be so good as the last—when England was in mourning. For as everybody was assured that all the ships would be full, the ships have room and to spare. There is a moral in this for the advertiser who puts too much embroidery on his honest statement.

EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE.

On the occasion of the annual encampment of a western militia, one of the soldiers, a clerk, who lived well at home, was experiencing much difficulty in disposing of his rations. A fellow sufferer nearby was watching with no little amusement the first soldier's attempts to Fletcherize a piece of meat. "Any trouble, Tom?" asked the second soldier sarcastically. "None in particular," was the response. Then, after a sullen survey of the bit of beef he held in his hand, the amateur fighter observed: "Bill, I now fully realize what people mean when they speak of the sinews of war."—Lippincott's.

A VIOLATION.

She—I am afraid, my love, the last things I bought are violating the speed laws.

He—What do you mean, my dear?

She—When I put them in the wash, you ought to have seen how they ran!

A SURE SIGN.

"Has Jonesby any standing in the automobile club?"

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